

# **EXHIBIT 18**

1           IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2           FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
3           EASTERN DIVISION  
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6           IN RE:   NATIONAL                   :   HON. DAN A.  
7           PRESCRIPTION OPIATE           :   POLSTER  
8           LITIGATION                   :     
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10          APPLIES TO ALL CASES           :   NO.  
11   :   1:17-MD-2804  
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14                   - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -  
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16          SUBJECT TO FURTHER CONFIDENTIALITY REVIEW  
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21                   April 17, 2019  
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24                   Videotaped deposition of  
25          THOMAS PREVOZNIK, taken pursuant to  
26          notice, was held at the law offices of  
27          Williams & Connolly, 725 12th Street,  
28          Washington, D.C., beginning at 9:11 a.m.,  
29          on the above date, before Michelle L.  
30          Gray, a Registered Professional Reporter,  
31          Certified Shorthand Reporter, Certified  
32          Realtime Reporter, and Notary Public.  
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1 at a number and say that's too big.

2 MR. O'CONNOR: Whoever is on  
3 the phone needs to go on mute.

4 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Whoever is  
5 on the phone please mute your  
6 phone.

7 BY MR. O'CONNOR:

8 Q. Before we get back to my  
9 question, I just want to be clear.  
10 Are -- are vets required to obtain a DEA  
11 registration before they order controlled  
12 substances?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And the DEA issues some  
15 veterinarians registrations to allow them  
16 to purchase controlled substances?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Okay. I do -- I do want to  
19 get back to my original question though,  
20 which was, is an order that is unusually  
21 large, does that order necessarily lead  
22 to diversion?

23 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Objection.

24 Vague.

1 THE WITNESS: It may or  
2 may -- it may or may not.

3 BY MR. O'CONNOR:

4 Q. Would the same be true of an  
5 unusually frequent order?

6 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Same  
7 objection. You can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: Correct. It  
9 may or may not.

10 BY MR. O'CONNOR:

11 Q. And the same would be true  
12 of an order that deviates substantially  
13 from the normal pattern?

14 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Same  
15 objection. You can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: Correct. It  
17 may or may not.

18 BY MR. O'CONNOR:

19 Q. Okay. And putting that  
20 together, that means that not every  
21 suspicious order leads to diversion,  
22 correct?

23 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Objection.  
24 Scope. You can answer.